

The Honorable Arthur F. Sampson
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington, D. C. 20405

Dear Mr. Sampson:

We are in receipt of your letter of 15 November 1974 which underscores the policy of the Federal Government to make maximum utilization of U.S. flag air carriers for transportation of both its personnel and cargo.

This policy has been reflected in the official travel regulations of this Agency for a considerable number of years, and we are most diligent in ensuring that there is compliance with this policy. We note your efforts to extend such policy to Government contractors and subcontractors, and we will take steps to ensure that this matter is addressed by our contracting officers in the pursuit of their duties. Your forthcoming revision of the Federal Travel Regulations which will emphasize the application of this same policy to the transportation of consultants and dependents has, in fact, been a standing policy of this Agency.

The only exceptions we have permitted to the U.S. flag air carrier policy are based on a very infrequent need for the most expeditious travel of our professional personnel so that they may meet necessitous commitments. Such exceptions are subject to approval at a senior management level, and this procedure is well-known and understood by all officers of the Agency who have the authority to approve travel.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby
Director

Signature Recommended:

/s/ John F. Blake

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Att: DD/A 74-4588, Ltr, dtd 15 Nov 74, from Mr. Sampson, GSA
to DCI re use of U.S. flag air carriers

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